SILVER REMONETIZATION WILL CURE.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. PART II.

BLOUMINGTON, IND. In a recent meeting betweed Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, and McKinley, the goldbugs choice as a candidate for the Republican nomination for President, they discussed at some length the peculiar position of Democracy and gloated over the victory they an ticipated. The trend of the entire conversation (notice the word entire) was in the direction of the unification of the Republican party. Simply the glory of the party, nothing more. The party must prosper if the nation goes to ruin; if our people, the great mass who are known as the common people, are reduced to the most abject poverty. They discussed the grand old party, which has long ceased to be worthy of such a name, and which is in the hands of the corrupt and unprincipled politicians of the country, who are bleed ing the nation of its very life blood and robbing our people of the very sustenance of life.

These men (McKinley and Quay) goldbug rule?

These few words, 'Protection is the one dominant issue" tell the tale. There will be four years of tariff tinkering. Does it not remind one of the small boy chopping block or the wood shed door? Where is there any good in wasting time in an issue that is dead?

and then the other party will tinker, will now prosper as we never have. This tinkering business has been going on for years and we have the result, the practical result.

is being brought before us simply to blind us to the real and dominant issue?

Positively the issue at hand, and the one that should be looked after at once, if we would be prosperous, is the monetary question. What man can say. who has our country's welfare at heart and who has not more party pr. j idice than brains!

Ever since the demonetization of silver our products have been falling in price and gold appreciating in value. Labor goes begging and manufacturing is at a standstill. Products have fallen in price, not because there is not as much consumed, for there is more consumed than ever before; not because there is an overproduction, for our fast increasing population requires more of our products than ever before and hundreds of thousands are going hungry and in rags to day. Why From the simple fact that the means wherewith to buy are deprived them. Employment they cannot get, hence the lack of means.

that slaps you on the shoulder and says in a confidential voice that the cause of the impoverishment of the country is "lack of confidence," thinks he has hit the nail squarely on the head, and that his argument is unan swerable. Poor deluded mortal! He was born at the wrong time in the his tory of the world, in fact his argument is just about 32 or 33 years behind the times. Such an argument might have been tolerated in the South before the close of the war, when the paper currency of the Confederate S ates was depreciating in value. But as the country is at peace, such argument is without one grain of common sense. Some of the trade journals, in their monthly comments, try to explain the cause of the stagnation by such remarks as these: "Excessive heat," "Cool weather," "Prolonged spell of wet weather," "Prospects of future crops," etc., etc.,

This government is in just the posi tion of a laboring man who has to work hard all day and get half enough to eat. It can readily be seen how this man will become reduced in strength, his energy fail; in fact the final outcome is death.

great volume of business on half the money necessary to give people prosperity, and the nation is losing strength and energy. If something is not done what will the final outcome be?

every scheme to keep the country's finances on a gold basis. It is absurd for anyone to declare that the people want what these two money centers are striving to keep upon us. England has tried twice to subjugate us by force of arms, but the outcome was disas trous to her. She is now taking a different course and making more head silver. way than she did by force of arms. Our patriotism has surely not died. I think not; many people do not see how

There is a number of papers in this country which have a large circulation that are controlled by English capitalists, and is it to be wondered at that the teachings of these papers is decidedly for a gold standard? Their arguments, though, lack substance, and to sum it all up they make no argument, unless vile epithets, such as perfidy, liars, demagogues, fools, blatherskites, etc, and such sayings as 50 cent dollars, cheap money, etc., could be called an argu-

The subject I am writing on is inexhaustive. The sum and substance of all articles written in behalf of the people on the money question, is the remonetization of silver and the free consge at a ratio of 16 to 1. A parity maintained between gold and silver by laws which shall recognize one as being equal to the other in every way.

CHARLES B MASTEN.

HENRY WATTERSON.

A Mighty Intellectual Giant Who Hath Fallen.

A story at once sensational and pa thetic comes from a neighboring city. It is sensational, in that it bears evi agreed that protection was the one dence of the methods to which the dominant issue. Does our people want | gold power resorts to silence whom it | ticket for Clerk from the Republican any further proof as to what will be fears; the pathetic feature is that a party. This was the Republican's prop the cutcome of another four years of great journalist and a superb intellect osition; it was all they asked then; but should be bullied and crushed before the world.

The story relates to Henry Watter son, once a Tennessean, who, as editor of the Louisville Courier Journal for who drives his father's nails into the the past quarter of a century, has won writer and a profound thinker, and One party will tinker with the tariff | a distinction second to that of no man for fearless and powerful advocacy of and send word over the nation that we the principles in which his faith was grounded.

Who that has attended a national Democratic convention since 1876 has not felt his attention riveted upon the Will it take much longer to convince dashing Kentucky champion of tariff Chairman of the County Executive the people that the tariff question is a reform, and as he listened to the burnhumbug of the very rankest kind and | ing words that fell from the lips of eloquence, and witnessed the great devo tee of the star eyed goddess in the full fledge of his glory and his genius and with admiration and heart aglow, ac knowledged himself to be in the pres ence of a leader?

Tnat was Watterson the superb But now, alas! how has the mighty

His country bleeds in the midst of political strife; his people are engaged the counties to meet July 4 h, 1894 in a contest the issue of which means life or death, but they look in vain for the valiant Henry. The advancing successful had been the Republican inhosts of right move on without him. That toss of the well mamed head, indescribably Wattersonian and delight fully elequent, which in times gone by the convention and placed with the was worth a thousand slogans, is now but a dream of the past; the clarion voice once so productive of enthusiasm is hushed; the trenchant pen, which was wont to go to the very vitals of corruption, is chained; sealed are the flowing ink wells of his mind into which The man with the know it all air, that pen was never dipped but to carry conviction and inspire courage; and Watterson, a "Wandering Minstrel," has gone to Europe.

The story which is about to be rela ted is vouched for by responsible parvarious circumstances, bears all the marks of truth. Mr. Watterson was in this neighboring city referred to for the purpose of delivering a lecture. After the lecture he was entertained at | a political club. He was called upon for a speech, and asked for something on the financial question. He replied: "I am nothing more than a wandering minstrel; my mouth is no better than a negro siave's."

Subsequently on the same occasion, when good cheer had risen to its height the great editor became confidential, and to a friend who asked him the ex planation of his enigmatical remark, he related his unhappy experience with the gold power.

He said that all his life he had been a free silver man; that he believed it | was right and would always believe so. He said that about two years ago he had written a free silver editorial for Courier-Journal. The man who has the controlling interest in the paper So the nation is trying to transact the heard of the editorial, came down to the office and "killed it."

Then Mr. Watterson, in his wrath,

announced that he would resign. The owner would not hear of the magic name of Watterson being di-Wall street and England are studying | vorced from the Courier Journal. He said that the paper must support the gold standard, but that Mr. Watterson must remain as editor. The condition he proposed was that Mr. Wat terson need not write a line if he did choose to do so; that he could go where he pleased, but under no circumstances was he ever to open his mouth on

Mr. Watterson said that his financial condition was such that he felt forced to accept the terms laid down. Since the country stands, but there is a that time he has written some for the growing sentiment that will soon play paper, but never on the financial queshavor with these scheeming devils. I tion. - Nashville, Tenn., Sun.

MR. SWINSON AGAIN.

My Dear Brother Mewboorne:

You have such a happy faculty of attributing to me honors I do not possess, that I feel compelled to say as much to you. The bare idea that you should allow some of our Republican friends to furnish you a copy of the "Speculum" and suggest that you attribute the editorial you copied from that to be written by me, and if not, that I "at that time endorsed it, is of itself evidence conclusive to my mind that your memory, if not your position, is indeed "ghosty." The facts are these, and many of them you are personally aware of: That I as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the People's party for Wayne county in 1892. and my name on the county ticket for Register of Deeds, to which office I was duly elected, though robbed of it by Democratic returners, sood in the front ranks and faced the dastardly foe of the enemies of our cause in 1892, refusing all propositions looking to fusion; did in the fall of 1893 agree with one or two Republicans that if we would agree to co operate in the county, that I was willing to allow them the privilege of naming the man on cur after I had got our Populist folks to agree to this much, they, like you, un der the benigning influence of Republicans' promises, etc., come to the idea they would give to the Republicans more; the Republicans soon found this a national reputation as a brilliant out-that our folks would agree to any thing they asked-broached me on the who in the political arena has achieved subject. I told them and I told our people, that I was willing to stand by my promise to them, but that under no circum stances would I consent to give them anything but Clerk--what they first asked, and what I had agreed with them upon. Finding me determined on this, they set about to down me as Committee by telling Pepulists I was too stubborn and unpopular for Chairman of their County Executive Com-

mittee. In March, 1894, when, under call of his power, has not, with mind filled the State Executive Committee, the county convention was had for organ ization, the convention re elected me as County Chairman over all other candidates by 35 to 17 votes. Between March and July 4th the plan of organization for the State was changed, and the State Executive Committee called and organize according to the ner plan. When this convention met, so trigue with Populists, that when under the new plan organization the election of County Chairman was taken from Chairman of each township Executive Committee, I was downed and Mr. Wm G Hollowell elected in my stead, even though I had been elected in March by the County Convention for

two years. When approached by my friends about going on the ticket in 1894 in the county, I told them under no circum stances would I. after being treated as I had by Populist at the bidding of Re publican coalitionists, allow my name to so go. When the regular County ties, and, taken in connection with Convention met in 1894, and the com mittee's report recommending that we give Republicans the Sheriff, Register of Deeds and one member of the House was read, got up and offered an amend ment, in which I proposed to only give the Republicars the Cle k. I give the convention some of my reasons for this; they voted my amendment down and adopted the committee's recom mendations. I took up my hat and walked out of the convention. I took no part in the nominating of any fusion ticket in 1894, and although I had been elected as delegate to the State Con vention, Congressional and Judicial, I sent my res gnation and refused to at tend any convention as a delegate, rep resenting or endorsing any such fusion. ist work. And no man outside of Wayne county at that time, knows these facts better than you do, Bro. Mewboorne, for when you and Dr. Cy. Thompson spoke at Salem Church. Wayne county, in September, 1894. 1 took you off and told you these circumstances, and that I did not think I would vote for a single Republican on our ticket. But you then, as now, en

> I never wrote one line for the "Speculum;" was not in any way endorsing the interest it was advocating in refer ence to fusion, and you know it; but you did endorse, and advocated my do- or who is contemplating a visit South should

dorsing fusion with the Republicans.

Republican fusion; but I find you mis-

taken; "like Bancho's ghost, fusion

(a la mode Mewboorne) will not down:"

just so I see; but just the same, we are

going to down it, and you with it, if

you persist in your head long folly of

going off half cocked with Republican

coerc onists against the interest of re-

put it, if you did not write it, you en dorsed it, and therefore you are trying to palm off your own products on our people as being some of mine, when you know it is not. See here, now, Bro. Mewboorne, kindly quit being so kind to me; I don't need it, and it taxes you so heavy the necessity does not justify the ends. Give us three tickets - equal rights to all and special privi leges to none, and after November, 1896, you can hear from another Oregon at the polls in the Old North State. Say, Brother, come up and get on

the stool of liberty and r pentance; you can do it. Bro. A. B Crumpler is holding a meeting now, and as soon as you get over your trance we will rejoice with you in our perfect love. Oh, how be found in the ark and covenant of the Populist faith-to the true and the faithful!

Adieu, Bro, if as you suggest we be, at the parting of the ways, my God will be your God, but your God can never be my God; this you will come to understand more fully after you get s me of the experience I have had.

Very truly yours, ABBOTT L. SWINSON BROTHER KESTLER.

forrespondence of the Progressive Farmer, SALISBURY, N. C.

DEAR SIR AND BRO:-I have read your letter to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER in vindication of your posi ion with much interest. I am truly glad to hear you speak so manly and Chris tian like. I am glad to hear you say that you are for honorable co-operation with the Republicans, and I imagine that every true Populist will agree with you in that statement; but the differ ence seems to be in what is honorable co operation? If I understand you and the Republican committee, you propose to fuse with the Populists provided we will help to elect five or six goldbug electors ('or we cannot vote for the Republican nominee for President without voting for a goldbug), if this is so, where is the honor and consistency in a Populist voting for such men. when their money, prayers and tears are going out for the liberties of the people? I know of no objection to cooperation as far as the State is con cerned, but do you want the Pops to vote for a goldbug? Will you? How can you be a consistent Populist and cast such a vote? If a man keep the whole law and off and in one point he is guilty of all. Come now and let us reason together. I believe we mean right, then let us see right. If the Republicans will leave off their goldbug electors, I believe the trouble will be

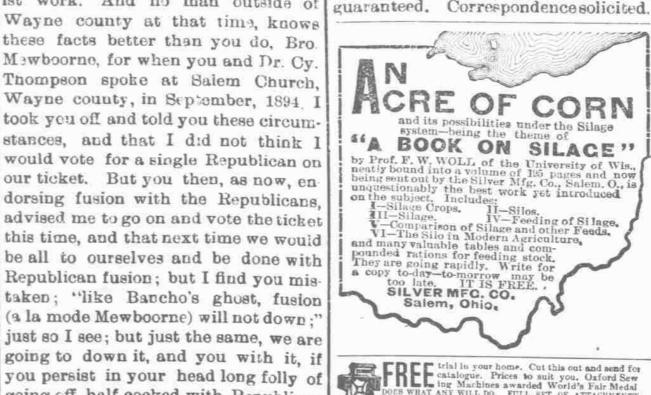
Now tell us, will you aid to put the old rotten Democratic ring back in power in the State or in the United States, for the sake of a few R publican electors, when you know they will vote for a single gold standard President? A public explanation will give much satisfaction.

> Respectfully, R L BROWN

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